

Summary of Work Instruction Revisions approved by the Statewide Council on February 7, 2006.

Work Instruction Title: 1.3 Ecoregional Plan Development

1. Revision was made to the general outline for the ecoregional plans.

Work Instruction Title: 2.2 Use of Pesticides and Other Chemicals on State Forest Lands

1. A new paragraph was added under prescriptions (1b): A single PAP may be prepared for a series of applications during a single growing season if they all use the same treatment (products, dosage, target, application method). This will simplify the process for routine applications like poison ivy control in campgrounds, trail and pathways maintenance. Campground, trail and pathway maintenance involving ready to use pesticides where a pesticide applicators license is not required does not require an FTP.
2. Under Operational Use of Pesticides (2), Certification of Applicators (a), the words in bold were added: All DNR personnel directly involved in the application of pesticides will be certified as pesticide applicators by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Pesticide and Plant Management Division (Policy 592). **There is an exception if ready to use (RTU) pesticides are being used in their original containers. Ready to use pesticides can be applied by non-certified personnel providing they are only applied using their original, closed container. No mixing, diluting, or transferring of product to another container is permitted.** As a general rule, non-certified personnel are discouraged from participating in pesticide applications. If non-certified individuals are involved with pesticide use (**including RTU pesticides**) applicable Worker Protection Standards shall apply, **including annual training and required training documentation**
3. The list of Pesticides approved for use on State Forest Lands was revised using a new chemical list from the Forest Stewardship Council dated January 1, 2006.
4. Responsibility and Roles of the Timber Management Specialist / FMFM, Forest Health Specialist/ FMFM, and Silviculturist/ FMFM was modified to include: “approve PAP’s authored by others (may not approve PAP’s authored by themselves)”

Work Instruction Title: 3.1 Forest Operations

1. The following statements were added to the work instruction:
 - Identified special sites must be reported to SHPO per existing DNR procedure.
 - BMP Non-conformances that are identified per work instruction 3.2 must be assessed by the management review process.
2. Added under roles and responsibilities: All staff will report and remedy BMP non-conformances.

Work Instruction Title: 3.3 Best Management Practices--Road Closures

1. The following changes (in bold) were made to the section Non-Emergency “normal” road closures:

Step 3. Seek review and approval through the Compartment Review Process **followed by review and approval by the Ecoteam**. If due to time constraints, the proposal cannot utilize the compartment review process, the request for closure will be sent to the Ecoteam, and supervisors in the chain of command will be advised.

Step 4. If the Ecoteam (~~deleted “reviews and”~~) approves closure, the land manager will request a Director’s Order for road closure through the normal Land Use Order’s of the Director process.

Work Instruction Title: 6.3 SFI Involvement and the Michigan State Implementation Committee

1. Added the SFI inconsistent practices reporting system toll free telephone number

Work Instruction Title: 7.1 Timber Sale Preparation and Administration Procedures

1. Added the following statement under: Timber Sale Preparation/Pre-sale Checklist: Ensure timber sale specifications match OI prescriptions.
2. Added the following statement in the section for administration of safety: Law Enforcement Division Conservation Officers are exempted and will follow their own special safety requirements.
3. The section on Training requirements for loggers was revised to read:

Stumpage purchasers, their employees, their contractors, and their subcontractors shall have adequate training, sufficient for their roles and responsibilities. Purchasers are required to have their State timber sales closely supervised by staff who have a current certificate of completion of Michigan Sustainable Forestry Education (SFE) or Wisconsin Forest Industry Safety and Training Alliance (FISTA) training. The current status of training – signified by a certificate - will be verified at the pre-sale meeting with the sale administrator, documented on the Timber Sale Inspection form, and checked periodically utilizing the sources listed below (see also Monitoring section of this work instruction). “Closely supervised” means “overseen with adequate knowledge of the concerns and current status of an operation to be able to provide immediate control over any process that may threaten compliance with BMPs and other contract terms”.

Timber sales sold to other state of Michigan agencies is exempt from the requirement for SFE trained supervision. In those cases, DNR professional foresters will provide the supervision as defined above.

4. The chart providing contact information to verify SFE training was revised.
5. Roles and Responsibilities were modified. Foresters and Forest Technicians / FMFM: Supervise timber sale operations on sales sold to other state of Michigan agencies (see sec II, 4, c, Training requirements for loggers. Unit Manager: ensure timber sale specifications match OI prescriptions.
6. Training requirement was modified - DNR staff are no longer required to complete core training for Sustainable Forestry Education (SFE) within 12 months.